

~ Special Commission on Ovarian Cancer ~

Department of Public Health
250 Washington St., Boston
May 24, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Commission members present: Mike Birrer, Ursula Matulonis, Alice Moore, Betsy Neisner, Lea Susan Ojamaa, Katuscia Potier, Diane Riche, Elaine Zollo

Commission members absent: Joyce Kulhawik, Kate Martin

Staff/consultant support: Liz Maffei, DPH, Allison Hackbarth and Emily Breuer, JSI

Meeting started with welcome, introductions and approval of the last meeting's minutes. Lea Susan Ojamaa, DPH, chaired the meeting.

Meeting agenda consisted of: final approval of the report; next steps/plan for report submission/finalization and distribution.

Discussion of final report:

Commission members reviewed the changes.

Commission members had a conversation providing additional edits, both grammatical and substantive comments on Executive Summary, Section III, Section IV, and the Appendix.

Comments of the Executive Summary included: adding a statement regarding the high rate of recurrence and problem of treatment resistance.

Comments of Section III included: adding more detailed information about the high recurrence rate, which includes data correlating with the various stages of ovarian cancer; adding language that supports treatment resistance being a major problem.

Comments of Section IV included: grammatical and formatting edits.

Comments of the Appendix included: the addition of the Center for Gynecologic Cancers (Massachusetts General Hospital)

Next steps/plan for report submission/finalization and distribution:

The Committee voted to approve the report with the discussed edits. Lea Susan Ojamaa asked for a motion to approve the report. Mike Birrer made a motion to approve, and Ursula Matulonis seconded the motion. All members approved.

Once the edits are incorporated by JSI, the report will be submitted into the formal review process with the Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human

Services. Upon approvals, the report will be submitted to the Legislature. At that point, the Commission has completed the task as per the statute.

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